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## Dangerous Takata Airbags Still Installed in Brand New Cars

You've probably already heard about the recalled Takata airbags, which have killed 10 people and caused over a hundred injuries in the US already.

Well, then you might be extremely surprised to learn that 4 automakers are **still installing these airbags in new vehicles to be sold in the US.**

Vehicles using these defective safety features must be recalled by 2018, but that hasn't stopped Volkswagen, Toyota, Mitsubishi and Fiat Chrysler from continuing to roll out the device in cars fresh off the assembly line.

That's because the law allows carmakers and dealers to sell cars that are subject to a *future* recall, yet aren't required to inform consumers which vehicles *will* be recalled.

So far, new vehicles known to have the malfunctioning airbag are the:

- 2016 Audi TT
- 2016 Mitsubishi I-MiEV
- 2016 Volkswagen CC
- 2017 Mitsubishi I-MiEV
- 2017 Audi R8

Until lawmakers require dealers and manufacturers to take responsibility for their products and inform consumers when they're buying a potentially dangerous vehicle, it's up to us to stay on top of the latest Takata airbag news.

That means always doing your homework before you buy a new car, and never accepting a dealer's answer if it goes against your own research and gut instinct.



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## Safeguard your Belongings at the Beach

Heading for our beautiful Virginia or North Carolina beaches? Taking the family for a vacation at other U.S. beaches or even abroad? Remember to protect your skin with sunscreen and protect your valuables with the following helpful advice.

### Leave your Valuables Behind

Plan carefully to take only those items that you really need for the day. One credit card, some cash and ID should be enough, along with your cellphone and camera.

If you take your car to the beach, put valuables in it and lock it up. Your trunk is the safest place for anything of worth.



When staying at a nearby hotel, lock up valuable items in the hotel safe or take along a portable safe. These helpful gadgets are small and made of flexible material so they pack neatly. Place your valuables inside, add a combination lock and attach it to a secure fixture in the room such as a pipe, the base of the sink or an iron railing.

### Take Care with Personal Property at the Beach

Unfortunately, there are professional thieves everywhere just waiting to rummage through unattended property. Even if you're nearby enjoying a friendly game of volleyball, it only takes a minute for a thief to grab your cellphone or purse.

When enjoying surf and sand with family or friends, take turns watching valuables and hide or disguise important belongings. Use your imagination to devise a clever hiding place like one of these:

- Place valuables in a waterproof bag, then wrap in a small towel and stow in your ice chest.
- Convert a water bottle, Pringle can or plastic sunscreen bottle into a container for valuables like your keys, money and phone.
- Have a baby along? Wrap valuables in a clean diaper and stow with those that are not so clean.

### Enjoy the Beach Even When Travelling Solo

You can still swim and walk along the beach even if you are alone. If you choose to take any valuable property along, here are a few ideas to minimize the risk of theft:

- Find a fellow traveler that you think you can trust. Watch nearby beachgoers for a few minutes to assess who they're with and if they look sober and responsible. Families with children or older couples may be more reliable than teens, young adults or men who are alone.
- Pay for a locker or storage service if available.
- Enjoy an activity like stand-up paddleboard or kayaking - the management will keep your belongings for you.
- Invest in a "dry bag." These clever containers are made of light-weight nylon and will keep contents dry on the surface of the water - not to be submerged. Be sure to test it out first at home. Place valuables in plastic bags and then into the dry bag. Use double bags for electronics.
- Take your cell phone into the water with a waterproof case specifically designed for your model.

Remember, nothing can be guaranteed 100% safe whether in a hotel room, a car or on the beach. But by reducing your risk of theft as much as possible, you'll be more relaxed while enjoying summer beach activities.

If you or a family member has been injured in an auto accident or any personal injury, or has been denied Social Security Disability benefits, it's important to get an attorney experienced in these types of cases involved immediately. Call **800-361-0430** for your initial free consultation. Kalfus & Nachman PC, Personal Injury attorney in Norfolk, can help you determine whether you need a lawyer for any personal injury case.

## Tips for Adults BBQ Responsibly

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### MAKE BBQs & OTHER SUMMER GET-TOGETHER SAFE FOR KIDS

- Offer plenty of nonalcoholic drinks and activities.
- Avoid offering children "mocktails" or play versions of adult drinking games.
- To lower the risk of alcohol poisoning, be sure to throw out partly empty alcoholic drinks. Children love to imitate adults and if they have access to leftover drinks, they may taste the contents.
- Make sure your children see you socializing without alcohol too.
- Supervise your alcohol. Leaving the beer cooler out of site—in the garage for instance—can be an invitation to teens to help themselves.
- Don't ignore drunken behavior. Use it as an opportunity to talk with your kids about the effects of heavy drinking.
- Model responsible behavior by making sure that guests who have been drinking do not drive.

### APPOINT A DESIGNATED DRIVER

- Discuss with another adult who will drive and explain to your children that the driver will refrain from or limit their drinking. "An important part of drinking responsibly in front of your children is modeling behavior that you want them to follow, so addressing drinking and driving is crucial," says Tom Hedrick, founding member of the Partnership for a Drug-Free America.



### LET YOUR CHILD KNOW WHAT YOU EXPECT

- Tell your child that adults may be drinking at summer gatherings but under no circumstances is he or she allowed to drink alcohol. Don't be swayed by the argument that teens need to drink with their parents to learn how to drink responsibly. New research—conducted in the Netherlands—confirms that teen drinking begets more drinking.
- If your older child is going to a BBQ without you, call ahead to make sure that parents will be there and are taking measures to keep alcohol out.
- Be prepared for your teen to ask you why it's OK for you to drink but they can't. Critical brain development is going on during the teen years which makes drinking more risky, and increases chances of long-term effects.



## The Hundred Deadly Days of Teen Driving

Starting on Memorial Day, the summer kicks off what's come to be known as the hundred most dangerous days for teen drivers.

Due to a combination of reasons, teen drivers during the summer are prone to more accidents, more injuries, and more deaths behind the wheel and as passengers in cars of other teen drivers.

AAA claims that every year, nearly 1,000 teens die during this period alone because of car crashes.

One of the biggest reasons for the uptick in teen car accidents is that younger drivers are more likely to be in the car with friends.



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With school out, teens simply have more opportunities to drive with passengers of the same age, which can lead to distractions—where cell phones might distract drivers for several seconds, distractions from passengers last the entire duration of a drive.

The National Safety Council says that teens driving with other teenage passengers are 44% more likely to be involved in a fatal crash—a staggering increase.

There's a reason why many states limit (or prohibit) passengers for new drivers, but the initial restrictions may not be enough to keep all teens out of harm's way. If your teen just got their license and they're planning on taking a trip this summer, be extra certain they're capable of shouldering that responsibility.

Know exactly who will be going, how many people, and set clear ground rules to keep your kids distraction- and danger-free. While it's impossible to stay 100% safe at all times, setting boundaries and expectations is the best bet you have for keeping your teen safe this summer.

Go to <http://wavy.com/2016/06/09/legal-matters-teen-driving-3/> to view the Hampton Roads show with Paul Hernandez.

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### Hampton Roads Show June 6th and 23rd



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